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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting on EIC paper entitled "Policies, Performance, and Prospects for Soviet Agriculture

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PARTICIPANTS:

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[redacted] at whose request this meeting had been called, opened by outlining a proposed procedure for the future handling of subject paper. He proposed that after M/AG had brought the paper into final form, it be put on mats of the kind suitable for eventual printing. These mats or runs from the mats would then be used for coordination both by the EIC Subcommittee and the EIC itself. If changes had to be made as a result of the coordination process, they could be made on the mats, and after the changes were made, the mats would be ready for reproduction of the report. John's principal purpose in making this suggestion was to avoid having to type the paper twice. I commented that this procedure was essentially the same as the one agreed upon last November 21, at a meeting with [redacted] and [redacted], except for the suggestion to put the paper on mats immediately. I said it was my feeling that the changes would be so numerous as to create serious print shop problems and [redacted] agreed. [redacted] then with [redacted] drew his suggestion about the use of the mats.

It was therefore agreed to proceed as follows: The Branch would first of all bring the present version into final form. The changes being incorporated result largely from the passage of time and from comments made by the EIC Subcommittee at the time the individual chapters were coordinated. The paper would then be put on ditto masters and copies run off. These copies would be forwarded both to the EIC Subcommittee and the EIC itself, in an attempt to secure simultaneous coordination. [redacted] would also be supplied with a copy during this period, although I remarked that he might wish to see it before it was dittoed for transmission to the EIC and the EIC Subcommittee. It was agreed that a deadline not exceeding 4 weeks would be given to the EIC agencies for coordination. Any comments or criticisms would then be incorporated into the paper either as changes or as dissenting footnotes. It was agreed that the EIC Secretariat and CIA would take a firm line in this respect. After the criticisms and changes were incorporated, the revised version would be given to St/PB for editing.

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25X1A9a One of the problems that arose concerned the time it would take to edit the paper. [REDACTED] stated that 8 to 12 months would be required unless the paper were given priority, largely because the paper would be set aside for any smaller papers that were in the mill. He said that it might take as much as 6 months even with a priority. I remarked that this time seemed unreasonable. I further commented that this in effect gave the EIC paper a priority, i.e., the lowest priority. [REDACTED] said that he would talk to 25X1A9a Dr. Guthe about getting the paper a priority and I said that I would talk to 25X1A9a [REDACTED]. We explored the possibility of publishing the paper in sections, which was favored by St/PR and by M/AG, but opposed by the EIC Secretariat and Chief, D/M. In effect, this course will not be pursued. Instead we will consider: (1) the possibility of not publishing the appendices at all, (2) publishing the summary and conclusions first, and then the body of the paper either with or without the summary and conclusions, (3) getting Col. Millican to do the editing himself.

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] estimated that it would take about 2 more months to get the paper revised and up-dated before it would be ready for printing in ditto form. [REDACTED] would require 6 weeks to crank into the paper the revised acreage data with all of its implications that became available from the Soviet Handbook. This would be done within this 2 month period. The 2 month period would also include time required for preparing the ditto masters. Since one month would be required for EIC coordination, the paper would reach St/PR about the middle of September at the earliest.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] expects considerable difficulty with the coordination of the paper after it is put on ditto. [REDACTED] is more optimistic in this regard. 25X1A9a

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